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SUBJECT: ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN

1. SINCE THE MAY 31 MEETING IN PARIS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY  
AND AZIZ AHMED WE HAVE BEEN CLOSELY MONITORING THE LEVEL  
OF THE ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN IN PAKISTAN. WE HAVE FOUND  
THAT, WHILE THE CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN SLOWED SOMEWHAT AND ITS  
TONE HAS BEEN MUTED, IT HAS BY NO MEANS DISAPPEARED ENTIRELY.

2. THE PPP AND PNA HAVE AGREED THAT WHILE NEGOTIATIONS  
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BETWEEN THEM CONTINUE, THERE WOULD BE NO RALLIES OR  
PUBLIC MEETINGS ATTACKING THE OTHER SIDE. CONSEQUENTLY,  
THE HEATED POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE HAS COOLED, THE LEVEL OF  
INVECTIVE IN PARTISAN RHETORIC HAS DECREASED, AND WE  
HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE GENERAL CALMING OF TEMPER. THE  
FACT THAT THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES  
BY POLITICIANS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL THE PAST WEEK PROBABLY

REFLECTS NOT ONLY A DECISION TO EASE UP ON US BUT ALSO THE MORE AMICABLE POLITICAL SETTING. MINISTERS SUCH AS MUMTAZ ALI BHUTTO AND GHULAM HUSSAIN (LEADERS IN CRITICIZING US) HAVE CANCELED THEIR SPEAKING TOURS AND HAVE RETURNED TO RAWALPINDI.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, PROVINCIAL POLITICIANS AND NEWSPAPERS HAVE CONTINUED THE ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN AT A LESSENERED RATE AND IN MUTED TONES. THE INDEPENDENT URDU LANGUAGE NAWA-I-WAQT HAD AN EDITORIAL ON THE A-7 SALE IN THEIR JUNE 4 EDITION (COVERED SEPTTEL); THE PAKISTAN TIMES ON JUNE 7 CARRIED AN H.K. BURKI ARTICLE WHICH DETAILED THE PM'S RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON THE A-7 IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (COVERED SEPTTEL) AND INCLUDED BURKI'S SARCASTIC COMMENT THAT THIS IS THE FIRST "FRIENDLY" ACT OF THE US SINCE THE AZIZ AHMED/CYRUS VANCE MEETING.

4. A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN THE ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN IS THE CHANGE FROM PRESENT TO PAST TENSE. THE IMPLICATION OF THE ARTICLES AND SPEECHES NOW IS THAT, WHILE THE US WAS PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED IN THE MASSIVE CONSPIRACY, THE PM'S VIGILANCE THWARTED THE INTERVENTION AND IT IS NO LONGER A FACTOR IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION.

5. THE LEFT-LEANING AND PRIVATELY OWNED WEEKLY MAGAZINE VIEWPOINT, IN ITS JUNE 3 EDITION, CONTAINED SEVERAL ARTICLES OF A DEROGATORY NATURE. FIRST, THE MAGAZINE COMMENTED ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S FOREIGN POLICY OVERVIEW AS OUTLINED IN THE NOTRE DAME SPEECH. THE ARTICLE GAVE THE POLICY CONFIDENTIAL

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MIXED ALBEIT GENERALLY NEGATIVE REVIEWS. THE MAGAZINE COMMENTED THAT THE WORLD, "A LARGE PART OF WHICH REMAINS VICTIME (SIC) OF TRADITIONAL US POLICIES" WILL BE WAITING TO SEE IF THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY PRONOUNCEMENTS WILL BE TRANSLATED INTO ACTION. A SECOND ARTICLE, ENTITLED "US RETALIATES WITH ECONOMIC SQUEEZE?", NOTED THAT AGRICULTURE HAD BACKED OUT OF ITS PLAN TO TAKE PART IN THE PROPOSED FERTILIZER PLANT TO BE CONSTRUCTED WITH FAUJI. THE ARTICLE ALSO CHARGES THAT THE US FAILED TO PROVIDE A \$300 MILLION LOAN WITH AN IRANIAN GUARANTEE BECAUSE OF A "FRIVOLOUS OBJECTION." FINALLY THE MAGAZINE REITERATED THE CHARGES H.K. BURKI MADE SUGGESTING THE FORMER POLITICAL COUNSELOR WAS THE HEAD OF THE CIA IN PAKISTAN.

6. THERE HAVE BEEN NO DEMONSTRATIONS AT US FACILITIES SINCE THE ONE AT THE AMERICAN CENTER IN PESHAWAR ON MAY 30. RAJA ANWAR, THE PRIME MINISTER'S ADVISOR ON STUDENT AFFAIRS, LAST WEEK CONGRATULATED THOSE STUDENTS

WHO HAD DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT OF A FOREIGN MISSION AND ITS OFFICES AND SAID THAT THOSE STUDENTS HAD SHOWN THEIR LOVE FOR THEIR COUNTRY. ON JUNE 2 ANWAR CALLED FOR A "SOLIDARITY DAY OF PAKISTAN" TO BE HELD ON JUNE 8. THE NEWSPAPERS ON JUNE 7 REPORT, HOWEVER, THAT THE MEETINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED IN CONNECTION WITH "SOLIDARITY DAY" HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.

7. WE CANNOT CONCLUDE, HOWEVER, THAT THE DOWNTURN IN THE ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN IS SOLELY THE RESULT OF AN EFFORT BY THE GOP TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH THE US. THE LULL MAY WELL BE, IN PART, A PRODUCT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PM AND THE PNA. ONCE THE NEGOTIATIONS END, SUCCESSFULLY OR NOT, IF THE PM FINDS IT VALUABLE TO USE ANTI-AMERICANISM AS A CAMPAIGN THEME IN A NEW ELECTION CAMPAIGN, IN A REFERENDUM, OR FOR GENERAL POLITICAL PURPOSES, THEN WE WILL SEE A REVIVAL OF THE  
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SPEECHES AND ARTICLES AT THE PRE-NEGOTIATION LEVEL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST US AND WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT FULLY INFORMED.  
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